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CONSERVATION CONGRESS ENDS

Vote to Include Name of Taft Along With Roosevelt as Friend of Conservation Lost in Committee.

St. Paul, Minn., Sept. 9.—The National Conservation Congress last night adopted a platform placing the seal of its approval on the national control of natural resources and adjourned. The threatened fight on the part of the state conservation commissioners to place the name of President Taft in the platform along with that of Theodore Roosevelt as a great friend of conservation did not materialize on the floor. Under the generous use of the gavel it did not even get started.

The following were chosen as officers:

President, Henry Wallace, Des Moines, Ia.; Secretary, Thomas R. Shipp, Indianapolis, Ind.; Treasurer, D. A. Lathaw, Kansas City.

Gifford Pinchot and J. B. White of Kansas City declined to be nominated for the presidency, and Wallace was not opposed.

The committee on resolutions of the National Conservation Congress was in turmoil, or verging on it yesterday. Eventually the committee agreed to recommend to the session of the convention a platform demanding national control of the countries' natural resources.

The big fight of the committee meeting, which it was promised would be carried to the floor of the convention at the night session, concerned the mention of the name of Roosevelt as the originator of the policies recommended by the committee, and ignoring that of President Taft.

The sessions of the committee were executive, but the reports of warfare leaked out. Violent speeches were made demanding that the policies advocated by the congress were not only those of Mr. Roosevelt, but also those of Mr. Taft and that the name of the latter should be specifically mentioned.

This occurred during the afternoon. There were but eighteen members of the committee present, who were under the chairmanship of ex-Governor Pardee of California. The vote to include the name of Taft lost, 8 to 10.

LOST CANDIDATE FOUND AT ANCON, PANAMA

Guthrie, Okla., Sept. 9.—L. T. Burns of Ardmore, the lost republican nominee for state insurance commissioner, has been found at Ancon, Panama, where he has a government position. After Burns became a candidate he grew uncertain as to his nomination, lost interest in the campaign and went to Panama. Under the alphabetical arrangement his name appeared first in the list of candidates for insurance commissioner, and he was nominated. His whereabouts were unknown and much trouble was experienced finding him. In a letter received today at republican headquarters, Burns said that he would return to Oklahoma and make the race.

The Okose Fair.

I certainly feel proud of the people of Okose for they deserve credit and show ability in arranging an institution down there. It shows to every body that the Okose people are progressive and are thinking for themselves. It shows to the state a higher standard of cultivation and a good class of citizenship.

THOS. T. WIMER.

Roosevelt at Cincinnati.

By Associated Press.

Cincinnati, O., Sept. 9.—Colonel Roosevelt reached here at eight o'clock this morning and was entertained at breakfast at Rockwood, the home of Congressman Nicholas Longworth, his son-in-law. The forenoon included a public reception in the Music Hall and luncheon at the exposition grounds. Roosevelt is to speak in the Music Hall at 2:30 and in the evening will attend an opera.

COLLEGE BUILDING LOOKS GOOD SINCE REMODELING

The old Willie Halsey college building is rapidly being prepared for the accommodation of the city high school. The walls have been patched and replastered and new wall paper put on. A new roof was put on and the wood work is being repainted. When school opens next week the high school students will have one of the best buildings for school purposes in the state. In fact since the remodeling the wish is expressed, by those who have seen the building, that the city owned it.

BANK WRECKED BY GAS EXPLOSION

Leaky Gas Pipes Causes Near Disaster in Union Bank & Trust Company at Chelsea.

A gas explosion that wrecked the interior of the building occupied by the Union Bank & Trust company and destroyed part of the bank furniture, occurred at Chelsea early this morning, according to the report received here by C. C. Roberts, whose company carried the insurance on the bank.

According to the report, Assistant Cashier Floyd McSpadden was first to enter the bank this morning. He lighted a cigar and threw the match into the directors room. In some way the gas pipes that supply the building had sprung a leak during the night and the room was filled with gas. When the lighted match touched this gas off the explosion followed. A library table in the directors room was smashed into kindling-wood and other furniture in the bank was badly damaged. The plate glass front of the building was utterly demolished. While considerably bruised and scorched, Mr. McSpadden was not seriously injured.

LITTLE JAPS COMING.

Smallest Japanese Performers in the World Coming With Robinson Show.

The Oturi troupe of Japanese, consisting of four people, one lady and three small Japanese children, are with the Yankee Robinson Shows which exhibits here Friday, September 23. These Jap children are the smallest performers the Oriental country has ever given to the shows of this country. They are without question the most wonderful athletes the Japanese have ever produced. The three children arrived in this country the first of March and although having been here but a short time, they have mastered a few of the words of the English language. The boy and the two girls will receive the small children who attend the circus and talk to them in the best way they can of their native land. Their performance is one of the sensations of the age and their wardrobe is the grandest ever conceived in Japan.

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Englehart and Miss Mina Enix returned last night from Tulsa, where they attended the state convention of the Christian church.

LEE CRUCE DECLARES FOR FAIRNESS IN ELECTION

Democratic Candidate Declares His Party Has Always Stood For Fair Election—Takes Some Hot Shots at Republican Methods of Conducting Elections—Explains Delay in Answering Suggestions Made By McNeal—Says He Will Never Agree to a Return to the Election Machinery of Old Dars

Guthrie, Okla., Sept. 9.—Declaring that the suggestions made by J. W. McNeal, republican candidate for governor for securing a fair count in the general election this fall, meet his hearty approval in so far as they are permitted under existing law, Lee Cruce of Ardmore, democratic candidate for governor, addressed a letter to Mr. McNeal in reply to the one directed to all the gubernatorial candidates by the republican nominee several weeks ago. Cruce apologizes for his delay in replying on the ground that he has just returned from a vacation of three weeks in Colorado.

After asserting that the democratic party always has opposed unfair elections and corruption Cruce takes some hot shots at the republican party, declaring that a republican board in 1876 "ruthlessly set aside the will of a free people," and placed a man in the highest office of the land who was defeated overwhelmingly. He also declares that the election of 1896 was corrupted by the use of millions and that in Oklahoma territory the late Bill Cross was "counted out."

Cruce then refers to the pledge of a fair election law in the democratic platform adopted recently and to the pledge of the republican state platform of a return to the election machinery in force before statehood, "an election machinery under which," says the Cruce letter, "the most flagrant and outrageous dishonesty was not only possible but actually was perpetrated."

McNeal intimated in his letter that the nomination of both the democratic and republican candidate was tainted with fraud and declares that if he thought for a moment that his nomination were secured by fraud or unfair means he would return the nomination to his party and that McNeal should do the same. Cruce states that Chairman Fred Branson of the democratic state committee resigned as chairman of the state election board upon his election as chairman and then calls attention to newspaper reports that the national republican committee has contributed \$15,000 to the republican campaign in Oklahoma. Cruce says he will agree to any plan that does not violate the election laws of Oklahoma, but that the candidates by agreement have no more right to repeal the election laws of the state than a mob has to try to

SAFE BLOWING RESORTED TO BY ABELINE BANKERS

Abilene, Kans., Sept. 9.—A safe blowing was an incident of the Flack defalcation yesterday afternoon. The new cashier placed in charge of the bank Tuesday locked the safe containing the currency supporting the bank knew the combination. But Flack had changed it and experts were unable to reopen the doors. The lock was blown with dynamite.

Representatives of Chicago banks in which paper was deposited arrived this afternoon to look after their interests. The paper is of record and only the matter of its collection is involved. One of Flack's methods in obtaining and holding large deposits accounts was discovered today. Many of the large depositors received 6 per cent on their daily balances. This did not appear on the books and the interest was paid to them in lump sums semi-annually. About fifty thousand dollars was thus drawing interest. It was reported that a half section more land in Wallace county stands in Flack's name. An attorney has gone to investigate. The county attorney has not yet filed complaint, but will do so when details and dates are furnished.

set aside the laws providing for jury trial. Cruce states he is willing to allow each party two watchers or more at the polls to insure a fair count and states that the present law allows one watcher for each party. He also agrees to the plan of having carbon copies of the tally sheets given to the election clerk and inspector and charges the republican party with defeating a proposed amendment to the election laws permitting three carbon sheets to be made, one for each member of the election board.

Cruce concludes his letter as follows:

"If elected governor I shall try to carry out the platform pledges of my party honestly by continuing to stand for a fair primary and general election law that will insure a fair count and will provide a sufficient penalty for dishonest men who violate it, but I will never agree to a return to the election machinery in force prior to statehood as you are pledged to do by your platform."

TIED OF LIVING WRITES COHORN

With Shot Gun And Garden Rake Boy Near Bluejacket Ends His Own Life.

After writing a note saying that he would like to have seen his brother and sister again, but that he was tired of living, Roy Cohorn, aged 21 years, shot and killed himself at the home of his parents, two and one-half miles northeast of Bluejacket last night. A shot gun was used by the youth in ending his life. He had loaded the gun, placed the muzzle against his neck, and with a garden rake pulled the trigger. The full charge took effect in the neck, nearly tearing the head from the shoulders. The remains were buried at Bluejacket today.

The youth is of one of the best families in that vicinity. His father is a well to do farmer and the family and neighbors are unable to account for the strange act.

FERRY SANK WITH TRAIN OF LOADED FREIGHT CARS

By Associated Press.

Ludington, Mich., Sept. 9.—Twenty lives were lost when the Pere Marquette car ferry, No. 18, sank in Lake Michigan, twenty miles off Port Washington this morning. The ferry's wireless signals of distress brought a sister ferry to the rescue and many members of the crew were saved. The ferry was loaded with twenty-nine loaded freight cars. The damage was about a half million dollars.

Milwaukee, Wis., Sept. 9.—Thirty-nine members of the crew of the Pere Marquette car ferry, No. 18, were lost and three saved, when the ferry sank in mid-lake, about thirty miles off Sheboygan today. The ferry was shelled from Ludington to Milwaukee.

Mr. and Mrs. John Schoenborn have returned from Denver, where they attended a reunion of Spanish war veterans.

Miss Jessie Garmon, who has been visiting Miss Anna Gatewood, left this morning for Pryor Creek, where she will teach in the city schools.

Bronchitis Caused Death.

By Associated Press.

Boston, Mass., Sept. 9.—Solicitor General Lloyd W. Bowers died here at 11:30 o'clock today, of an attack of bronchitis. He had been ill about two weeks. He was fifty-one years old.

THREE MEMBERS REFUSED TO ATTEND THE MEETING

By Associated Press.

Minneapolis, Minn., Sept. 9.—Only six members of the Ballinger-Pinchot investigating committee, one less than a quorum, were present when the session opened today. Senator Sutherland, of Utah, and two other republican representatives, Samuel McCall of Massachusetts, refused to attend. The action of five members Wednesday in adopting a resolution condemning Ballinger is the avowed cause of the refusal of the members to attend.

DENNIS WILSON NEW PRESIDENT

Commercial Club Elects New Corps of Officers And Prepares to Campaign For Bigger Vinita.

The regular weekly meeting of the Commercial Club last night was taken up with the election of officers for the ensuing year. There was a fairly large attendance brought out by the fact that the officers were to be chosen.

The following officers were elected: Dennis H. Wilson, president; F. M. Smith, vice president and W. B. Colay, C. B. Rogers, John A. Wjse, Sam R. Frazee and A. J. Williams, directors. The secretary will be selected by the board of directors at its first meeting and the work of the club will not be allowed to drag.

D. H. Wilson, the new president made the club a neat little speech of acceptance that was brim full of enthusiasm for Vinita, and is a fair indication of the esteem in which the new president holds the city and how he regards the possibilities of building a greater city here.

The matter of locating the Sheffer Brothers nursery here was discussed briefly and it was the sense of the club that every encouragement and aid in securing a location for this enterprise, be lent them by the club.

The report of committees and a general review of the work of the club during the past few months was indulged in by the members.

COUNTY OFFICERS MUCH DISTURBED BY DECISION

Guthrie, Okla., Sept. 9.—Oklahoma City will be the scene of a heated discussion today. The register of deeds, county clerks and county treasurers of the entire state are to meet there and try and determine just where they stand on the salary question. It is expected that over two hundred and fifty will attend the meeting.

The adverse opinions as rendered by Attorney General West and District Judge Carney on the fees and salary bill is what has brought matters to a climax and compelled the county officers to take action and try and settle their salary question.

According to West the fees and salary bill went into effect on June 18, or as soon after as the county census was returned. Under this ruling a number of the county officers were changed from a straight salary to fees.

Recently Judge Carney in Canadian county held that the bill does not effect the officers who were in office at the time of its passage.

As a result in some counties officers were receiving a salary and in other counties they are getting a fee. None are certain whether they are obeying the law or not.

At the meeting today it is expected that the officers will choose an interpretation of the law, place it in effect in all state counties.

Robbins-Highland Wedding.

A wedding which is of much interest to Vinita people is that of Miss Della Robbins and Mr. James Highland, which took place last evening at 9 o'clock at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Alma Robbins. The ceremony was read by Rev. J. M. Cantrell. Only the immediate relatives be-

TEDDY DENOUNCES ILLINOIS AFFAIRS

Rotten Conditions Existing in Illinois Politics Cannot Be Cured By Ignoring Them.

Freeport, Ill., Sept. 9.—Colonel Roosevelt yesterday admitted that there is a possibility of his returning to public life. The statement was in his address at Highland, Ill.

"I don't suppose I ever shall be in public life again," he said, "but if I am, there is always the chance that some time it may come up."

"If any corrupt corporation or politician helps at any time to put me in a position of influence, let it or him remember they help me at their peril, for I will hurt them if I get the chance."

Colonel Roosevelt also read an open letter by William R. Hearst in which Mr. Hearst advised the colonel to return to New York and take up the fight on the republican organization there, saying that if he did so Mr. Hearst would be in sympathy with him.

The colonel said: "I am going back to my state, as mentioned by Mr. Hearst, to fight the bosses. I will welcome the support of any man who wishes to aid in that fight."

Chicago, Ill., Sept. 9.—Standing in the presence of twelve hundred men, nearly all of whom were citizens of the state of Illinois, a majority of whom were prominent politicians and those well known in business life, Theodore Roosevelt at the Hamilton Club banquet last night, brought his hearers to a wild enthusiasm by a scathing denunciation of political conditions in Illinois.

The great banquet hall at their Congress hotel never witnessed such a scene nor echoed to such tumult as followed the close of Mr. Roosevelt's address. Members of the Hamilton Club, under whose auspices the banquet was given, together with guests, stood on chairs and tables, waving handkerchiefs in a wild manner while they cheered the speaker at the top of their voices. Colonel Roosevelt has always been a favorite at the Hamilton Club.

After the introduction, Mr. Roosevelt declared that he was about to talk on delicate matters, nevertheless, matters to be treated only by directness. Following this he took up the condition in Illinois politics described by witnesses in the present trial of Lee O'Neil Browne for bribery in connection with the election of William Lorimer to the United States senate.

"I have read the confessions of four members of the Illinois legislature who appeared in the case," declared Mr. Roosevelt, "I have read the evidence obtained by the state attorneys in two counties, and I know that Illinois politics cannot be cured by ignoring what is going on."

After ending his speech, Roosevelt was to have attended a reception in another room of the hotel. He tried to reach this room, but for some time was unable to make his way through the cheering crowd. As he left the platform, someone started to cheer for Joseph G. Cannon. This was taken up until the speaker arose from the table.

During the Roosevelt speech, Speaker Cannon received much attention from the audience. It had been rumored during the day that in case any references to him were made by Colonel Roosevelt and to which the speaker took exception, an answer had been prepared. Mr. Roosevelt made no reference to him.

Following the reception, Roosevelt and party prepared to leave for the union station, to leave at midnight for Cincinnati.

When introduced by President Barton of the Hamilton Club, Roosevelt was greeted with tumultuous applause lasting several minutes.

ing present. They will commence housekeeping at once, at their new home on South Scraper, which they have furnished ready for occupancy. Both have lived in Vinita for a number of years and have many friends here who wish them much happiness.

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